

# Marijuana

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# Type of drug ?

- Cannabis-
  1. A tall annual dioecious plant (*Cannabis sativa*), native to Central Asia and having alternate, palmately divided leaves and tough bast fibers.
  2. Any of several mildly euphoriant, intoxicating hallucinogenic drugs, such as ganja, hashish, or marijuana, prepared from various parts of this plant.
- The main active ingredient is delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
- Psychoactive Drug-changes brain function and results in alterations in perception, mood, or consciousness



# Other names of the drug

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Astroturf	Blunt
Bhang	Boom
Dagga	Chronic
Dope	Gangster
Ganja	Herb
Grass	Home Grown
Hemp	Kiff
Homegrown	Nederweed
J	Purple Haze
Mary Jane	Smoke
Pot	Skunk
Reefer	Super Skunk
Roach	White
Texas Tea	Widow
Weed	



# Physical effects on the body

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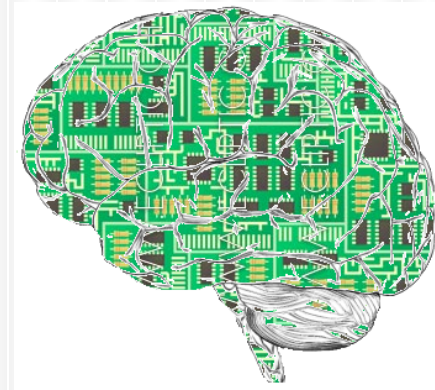
- Kills brain cells
- Shallow breathing
- Red eyes and dilated pupils
- Dry mouth
- Increase of hunger
- Slower reaction time
- Increased heart rate
- Can increase risk of lung cancer



# What are the psychological effects ?

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- ❖ Impair thinking/learning
- ❖ Impair memory for several days at a time
- ❖ Impacts those with lower IQ's more than those with higher IQ's
- ❖ Impairs attention



# How is the drug seen in our society today ?

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## I. Common street names:

- Weed
- Pot
- Mary Jane
- Blunt
- Joint

## II. “National Weed Day”: April 20th (4/20)

## III. Huge controversy about whether it should be legalized across the US

**VOTE**



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